

ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS
MINUTES
January 24, 2022
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Bueter, Nicole Hutchinson, Arion Lillard-Green, Chennel Hill-Welbon, Pablo Moulden, Gerald Padmore, Jon Scarffe, Janeil Sendi, Andrew Torre, Robert Whitman, Shelbert Williams

AHD STAFF: Nechelle Terrell

GUEST: Helen Morris (ACAP), Lisette Torres (ACAP)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Commissioner Arion Lillard-Green, Chair.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by commissioners, Alexandria Health Department Staff and guests.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the October and November meetings were reviewed. Commissioner Robert moved to accept the minutes for the October meeting as written. Commissioner Jon Scarffe second the motion. The minutes passed unanimously. Commissioner Robert moved to accept the minutes for the November meeting as written. Commissioner Jon Scarffe second the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

IV. GUEST PRESENTATION

Representatives from the Virginia Coalition for Sex Ed Reform (VACSER) and Alexandria Campaign Against Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) presented on services offered by their agencies.

Pablo Moulden, is the Co-founder and Director of VACSER. The organization is a coalition of partner organization, community groups and individual citizen in support of the idea that all children have a right to accurate; age appropriate, comprehensive and inclusive Family Life Education. Pablo shared how Sex Education can contribute to ending the HIV epidemic. He shared in adequacies in Virginia Sex Education. He also noted that Sex Education is being taught in Alexandria City Public School through the Family Life Education curriculum. He spoke about the importance of using Sex Education to end the HIV epidemic. More information on the organization can be found on their website at www.vacser.org.

Helen Morris and Lisette Tores presented on The Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP). She shared the mission of the group is to prevent adolescent pregnancy through culturally and age appropriate education, advocacy, technical assistance, direct service prevention programs and public awareness. ACAP works together with city youth, their families and the community to secure brighter futures. She shared the various groups and other organizations the

collaborate with and the different events and activities. More detailed information about ACAP and their futures goals can be found on www.alexandriava.gov/ACAP.

Copies of both presentations or a recording of this meeting, can be made available upon request.

V. AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.

Commissioner Andrew Torre announced that VDH has made some changes to the ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program). It is now called VA MAP – Virginia Medication Assistance Program with slight changes to the application process.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Alexandria Health Department will host the Annual National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (virtual) Symposium on Monday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. She will email a flier with more information including the link to register for participation.

ACOHA Annual Retreat

The Annual Retreat will be held via Zoom on Saturday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m. Clay Porter, member of the Virginia Community HIV Planning Group, will facilitate the retreat. Commissioners can donate towards a contribution to compensate Mr. Porter for his time and expertise. Nechelle will provide commissioners with Clay's bio and information on how to contribute.

Commission Resignations

Brian Garner (Citizen at Large) has resigned to take time to focus on his dissertation.

Leanne Desmond's job responsibilities have increased so she has opted to resign from the commission. (ACPS)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.